SCHEDULE 6

Specific conditions: breeding dogs

Suitable environment

4.—(1) Each dog must have access to—

(a) a clean, dry and warm sleeping area with comfortable bedding and which is free from draughts, and

(b) an exercise area.

(2) Each dog must be provided with sufficient space to—

(a) stand upright on its hind legs,

(b) lie down fully stretched out,

(c) wag its tail,

(d) walk, and

(e) turn around,

without touching another dog or the walls of the sleeping area.

(3) The exercise area must not be used as a sleeping area unless the dog chooses to do so.

(4) There must be a separate whelping area for each breeding bitch to whelp in which contains a suitable bed for whelping.

(5) Each whelping area must be maintained at an appropriate temperature and include an area which allows the breeding bitch to move away from heat spots and from her young if she chooses to do so.

(6) Each dog must be provided with constant access to a sleeping area.

(7) A separate bed or area with bedding must be provided for each adult dog.

(8) No puppy aged under 8 weeks may be transported without its biological mother except—

(a) if a veterinary surgeon agrees for health or welfare reasons that it may be so transported, or

(b) in an emergency.

(9) No pregnant breeding bitch may be transported later than 54 days after the date of successful mating or breeding procedure except to a veterinary surgeon.

(10) No breeding bitch may be transported earlier than 48 hours after whelping except to a veterinary surgeon where it is not otherwise practicable or appropriate for that person to attend to the bitch.

(11) In this paragraph, "exercise area" means a secure area where dogs may exercise and play.

Commencement Information

I1   Sch. 6 para. 4 in force at 1.9.2021, see **reg. 1**